

Lassen County Juvenile Detention Facility

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Response Required: None

Findings: The Lassen County Grand Jury toured the juvenile detention facility and found a clean, modern facility, staffed by personnel, who appeared to have the best interest of the youth in mind. At the time we toured the facility, the state budget was weighing heavily on the administrator's minds. Staffing cuts may have to be considered, if the state and county cut additional funding from the facility.

The facility provides mandatory classroom education as the primary activity. Juveniles are provided medical care, mental health counseling, parenting and anger management training. Well-behaved youth are given special privileges, such as fishing, hiking, and other activities. The staff is doing everything it can to reach these youth, to effect a positive change and should be commended.

The Superior Court still holds proceedings for juvenile offenders on site, at the detention facility. This eliminates the need to move youth between the facility and the main courthouse.

Recommendations: None